

REMARKS

Claims 21-23, 25-34, 36-39, 41-44 and 46-50 are now pending in the application. Additional claims 47-50 have been added to the application. These claims depend from independent claims which are allowable for the reasons set forth below. Basis for these claims can be found throughout the application as originally filed. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 21, 22, 26-32 and 42 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant's admitted prior art JP2001155692 in view of JP2003035422. Claim 37 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP2001155692 in view of JP07230795. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

It is believed that the originally filed claims are patentably distinct over these references. However, in order to expedite prosecution of this application, independent Claims 21, 26, 37 and 42 have been amended to incorporate the limitations of objected to Claims 24, 35, 40 and 45, respectively. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw this rejection.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner states that claims 23-25, 33-36, 38-41 and 43-46 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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